

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to reply to the public comments on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. To promote competition, diversity and local content, the FCC should, at the very least, retain the current media ownership rules and impose stricter public interest requirements.

The studies commissioned by the FCC are, in all probability, flawed and incomplete. By allowing our media outlets to merge print and broadcast facilities, a greater restriction on the breadth of news and information available to citizens to act in the public interest will result.

The public interest will best be served by preserving, at the very least, the prevailing media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

In addition, I strongly encourage the Commission to hold hearings in all parts of the country and solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions.

Furthermore, I think it is becoming more and more evident that even the most intensely self-interested capitalistic rationales for mega-media mergers and the concentration of ownership have reached a point of not only diminishing, but obviously negative financial returns to their own stockholders (Viz: the Current AOL/Time Warner devaluation.)

(Note: While I was composing this message, AOL peremptorily logged me off due to "lack of account activity". I submit this as further evidence of a media oligarchy attempting to quell discussion and dissent.)

Sincerely,

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